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### **OVERVIEW**

USAID estimated support for Kabul from January 2002 - June 2011: \$1,578.7 million

Estimated Population: 3,449,800 (Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Central Statistics Office: Estimated Population

of Afghanistan 2008-2009)

Note: Includes national-level programs



Situated in east-central Afghanistan, Kabul sits in an arid valley and receives sunshine most days of the year. Established 5,000 years ago and invaded by numerous civilizations, today the city is being reconstructed after decades of war. As the capital city, Kabul is the center of government and commerce for the nation, its Tajik, Pashtun, and Hazara residents have access to an increasing variety of public services and institutions. In recent years, the city has seen a significant increase in population and the government continues to struggle in providing services such as electricity and clean water.

### **AGRICULTURE**

Goal: Increase agricultural sector jobs and income through a) increased agricultural productivity by improving farmer access to inputs and effective extension services; b) invigorated agribusiness by increasing linkages between farmers, markets, credit, and trade corridors; and c) rehabilitated watersheds and improved irrigation infrastructure. Also, increase Afghans' confidence in their government by increased Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock's (MAIL) capacity to deliver services and promote the private sector and farmer associations through direct budget and technical assistance.

**Summary:** USAID's agricultural work has focused on helping farmers to develop a dynamic agricultural economy capable of adapting to market forces through support of market linkages, improving farm technology and enhancing agri-business associations. USAID also focuses on improving collaboration between and capacity building within MAIL, the National Environment Protection Agency (NEPA), and provincial level government officials in order to create and improve upon economic opportunities related to biodiversity and natural resource conservation.

- Improve collaboration between government ministries and agencies to enhance the government's overall ability to protect and conserve valuable wildlife habitat in the country
- Assist the Afghan government in the development of laws to regulate wild species, hunting, and the
  protection of endangered species, and help the government fulfill international obligations under the
  Convention on Trade in Endangered Species
- Provide training in natural resource conservation and sustainable land management to government officials and community members
- Provide agriculture education opportunities to students and faculty members to include capacity-building
  of faculty members primarily focused on curriculum development, establishment of research farms for
  students, offering of English language courses, and provision of laboratory equipment



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- Support 16 private full-service retail level AgDepot farm stores that provide agriculture supplies and services to support key licit crops and animal health
- Advise MAIL on infrastructure establishment in Band-e-Amir National Park
- Provide loans to financial and non-financial intermediaries, who then on-lend these funds to farmers and agribusinesses
- Assist merchants in testing new marketing channels for fresh grapes through refrigerated shipments to Delhi, Dubai, and Karachi

- Trained government officials and provincial community representatives in techniques to improve their natural resource management capabilities in the areas of soil and water conservation, rangeland management, and cooking fuel conservation
- Established the Kabul Women's Farm Service Center, currently serving approximately 10,000 women working in the agricultural sector in Kabul and surrounding provinces
- Planted approximately one million trees for the Greening of Kabul project
- Provided technical assistance to the National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) for the development of an Information, Education and Communication Strategy and its implementation (including a gender component) and offered training on various environmental topics
- Assisted the NEPA in the creation and publication of Afghanistan's first protected species list
- Established a demonstration farm and AgFair site at Badam Bagh and hosted six AgFairs
- Trained 77 International Security Assistance Force customs officials to halt the trade of furs from endangered species and other illegal wildlife products
- Provided accessible and affordable agricultural inputs seeds and fertilizer to promote the production of wheat
- Provided 360 metric tons of wheat seed and 1,080 metric tons of fertilizer through the MAIL National Seed Distribution Program in 2010, benefitting 7,200 farmers
- Established the Omaid Bahar Fruit Processing Facility that produces pomegranate, peach, apple, and apricot juice and exports produce
- Provided support for packing, sorting, technical assistance, custom, cargo, and linkage between local and international buyers for export of fresh fruits through Kabul
- Established five research trials of forage crops at Badam Bagh Research Farm and Faculty of Agriculture, Kabul University Research Farm to support teaching and research activities of students and faculties
- Trained 100 students of the Agronomy Department of the Faculty of Agriculture at Kabul University in forage production technologies
- Completed a training needs assessment for NEPA and MAIL that will be used to choose training topics and to coordinate joint training between the two agencies in order to facilitate increased cooperation
- Assisted MAIL to draft its 100-day Natural Resource Management (NRM) Plan and provided a concept note for creation of a wildlife authority
- Formulated the MAIL NRM Task Force planning template which allowed the three areas of the NRM division of MAIL (forests, rangeland, and protected areas) to consolidate their own 100-day plans with those of their principal partners for the first time
- Developed a student demonstration farm including poultry and large-animal facilities and adjacent areas
  of agronomic and horticulture tree fruit crops at Kabul University Faculty of Agriculture
- Installed an AgNet Internet communications system and weather station in the provincial MAIL office, providing access to the National Agriculture Information System database

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 Brought 5,500 hectares of land under improved natural resource management and trained 70 MAIL staff in natural resource management as part of an ongoing natural resource management initiative

### **DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE**

**Goal:** Build the capacity of government institutions to improve the quality of government services to Afghan citizens. Support independent media institutions and advocacy groups.

**Summary:** USAID strengthens democracy and governance in Kabul Province through support to the justice sector, media, civil-society, and governance development.

- Provide technical support to the Ministries of Agriculture; Communications and Information Technology;
   Education; Energy and Water; Finance; Foreign Affairs; Higher Education; Labor and Social Affairs;
   Public Health; Public Works; Rural Reconstruction and Development; Urban Development; and the Civil Service Commission
- Enhance assistance to the Afghan Parliament Committees, members of parliament, staff, and electorate
- Provide training and assistance to the National Assembly including an on-going Parliamentary Internship Program, offering aspiring young leaders the opportunity to gain new skills
- Foster free and fair elections by providing assistance to the Independent Election Commission and voter registration efforts
- Provide ongoing training for civil-society organizations, journalists, and media institutions.
- Provide support to the newly established High Office of Oversight on its anticorruption strategy. USAID
  supported the establishment of this office and is committed to fighting corruption and improving service
  delivery to all Afghans
- Train provincial- and district-level civil servants in the five common functions highlighted in the Afghanistan National Development Strategy: financial management, human resources management, procurement, project management, and strategy and policy development
- Provide management and technical support to the Afghan Government's Civil Service Institute.
- Provide technical support to the Independent Administrative Reform and Civil Service Commission to build the capacity of civil servants around the country
- Provide institutional capacity development and advocacy support to women-focused Afghan civil-society organizations
- Create district-level governance councils under the auspices of the Independent Directorate for Local Government
- Provide capacity building and support for the reform of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its mission abroad and upgrading the Information Communication Technology within the Ministry
- Provide technical assistance and capacity building support to the High Office of Oversight to combat corruption
- Provide support to Reclamation of Baghe Qazi in the Old City of Kabul and Urban Synthesis and analysis through Urban Revitalization Program
- Support the institutional strengthening of the Independent Election Commission through technical assistance, capacity development and training
- Provide technical assistance to political parties and political party leaders through training.
- Support the development of issue based coalitions and parliamentary caucuses to help members of parliament develop and coordinate parliamentary groupings



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- Support the development and outreach efforts of civil-society organizations of dedicated to advancing women's rights in Afghanistan through democratic processes.
- Conduct advocacy and journalism training for youth and students
- Provide the provincial governor with operational resources and money for community outreach and micro projects to support his needs and serve as incentive to develop
- Develop the human and institutional capacity of the courts, increasing access to justice particularly for women, developing and implementing a case tracking system including professional training for judges and administrators on the system

- Supported justice sector development through the publication and distribution of Judicial Reference Law sets, a 17-volume collection of laws, to 205 judges in the province
- Developed and trained judges and court administrators in the new Afghanistan Court Administration System, a case-management system that improves the courts' ability to manage cases and provide due process, leading to more effective and transparent rule of law
- Supported justice sector development through a one-month Foundation Training Program for 170 sitting
  judges and a one-year Supreme Court-mandated Stage Judicial Training Program for 72 judicial
  candidates, providing judges with access to the tools necessary to officiate over the courts
- To ensure fair trials, USAID assisted the Supreme Court in drafting a new ethics code for all judges and provided training for all of Afghanistan's judges in the contents and importance of the code
- Assisted the Supreme Court in overhauling its personnel policies and procedures, including database updates and distributing identification cards to all court staff in Afghanistan
- Built the provincial prosecutor's office and a district administration building in Surobi District
- Funded computer training courses for Supreme Court justices and training for journalists covering legal affairs
- Promoted legal and human rights awareness, including women's rights, through public education campaigns in a variety of media, thereby making information accessible even to those who cannot read
- Provided public services such as trash collection and sewer maintenance, and worked with the municipality and citizens to maintain streets, sidewalks, and parks
- Conducted an assessment of the political, legal, and administrative environment to lay the groundwork for an effective National Assembly
- Built a new, modern parliamentary library and trained library staff to provide Afghanistan's legal professionals with research materials
- Provided logistical and policy support for the Constitutional Loya Jirga and for the Afghanistan-Pakistan
   Peace Jirga to help Afghanistan's government to restore peace and rule of law
- Built facilities and provided technical support for the Government Media and Information Center to support Afghanistan's government outreach activities
- Produced a popular weekly television show, "Face the Nation," on Radio Television Afghanistan to help Afghans understand their parliament's role, responsibilities, and activities
- Supported the 2008 voter registration exercise, assisted domestic and international observation missions, trained political parties and independent poll agents, conducted a series of poll surveys ahead of the elections, and ultimately helped conduct the 2009/2010 elections
- Established two Intermediary civil-society support centers and built on their capacity by providing training for civil-society organizations, journalists, and media institutions
- Developed the High Office of Oversight Anti-Corruption Strategic Plan to encourage systematic fight against corruption



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- Coordinated, educated and directed the provincial council and provincial government representatives to participate in the Afghan national budget execution and program implementation work shop
- Provided a budget oversight workshop where 50 newly elected provincial councilors added to their knowledge and understanding of the Afghan budget process
- Awarded 147 grants
- Trained approximately 2,500 civil servants in the Afghanistan National Development Strategy

### **ECONOMIC GROWTH**

Goal: Create a developed business climate that enables private investment, job creation, and financial independence.

**Summary:** USAID's economic growth program helps the Afghan government develop sound economic governance and works with the private sector to stimulate investment and business opportunities. USAID partners with Afghans and the Afghan government to attract investment, generate sustainable employment, and expand market linkages. USAID promotes economic development in Kabul Province through expanding access to telecommunications, business education, and modern banking services.

- Work with Arazi, Ministry of Urban Development (MUDA), Afghan Geodesy and Cadastral Head Office (AGCHO), Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG), and the Supreme Court to develop an agreement on the scope of project collaboration on the administration of land rights and the extent of municipal upgrading across project areas
- Conduct an institutional needs assessment of Arazi, MUDA, AGCHO, IDLG and municipality offices in Kabul to identify institutional, administrative, infrastructure, and information technology gaps, including immediate needs and priorities in land reform
- Conduct a private-sector organizational needs assessments to enhance the capacity of private-sector organizations to implement land reform activities
- Support a concrete facility through a Global Development Alliance (GDA) to produce lightweight building materials
- Support a wool washing facility through a GDA that created 26 direct full-time positions
- Support associations through grant assistance, training, and consulting
- Train entrepreneurs in business management and accounting, providing them with the skills to better run and grow their businesses
- Implement a comprehensive training program on city planning, mapping, and survey standards including a two-week intensive on-the-job training on global positioning equipment provided to engineers of the City Planning Department
- Support the development of an integrated land information system and modern survey standards through facilitating study tours and training
- Support tenure formalization programs
- Provide ongoing policy advice to the Ministry of Urban Development on the implementation of the Afghan land policy via an informal settlement steering committee
- Support the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (MCIT) to implement its e-Governance strategy to advance integration of communication and information technology across line ministries and in the provinces and to promote innovation in the private-sector



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- Support the Turquoise Mountain Trust in the economic, social, and cultural regeneration of Murad Khane, a traditional commercial and craft neighborhood in the center of Kabul's Old City
- Support the Turquoise Mountain Trust to provide traditional craft education through the Institute for Afghan Arts and Architecture, and develop the market of Afghan crafts domestically and abroad through business development activities
- Support the member-owned and managed Islamic Investment and Finance Cooperative, which provides financial services to members
- Support the construction and launch of the new Kabul One Stop Shop for Exports, which will reduce the
  certification and authorization process for traders from the current time of three to seven days to just 1.5
  hours, bringing under one roof 11 different agencies that are involved in providing the certificates,
  authorizations and other documents needed to export, reducing the time and cost to traders
- Support the Ministry of Finance (MoF) in the budget preparation process
- Provide policy support to the Minister of Finance
- Facilitate the Minister of Finance's implementation of the IMF Extended Credit Facility macroeconomic reform program
- Provide ongoing mentoring and coaching support to all of Afghan government's budgetary units to facilitate their preparation of program budgets in line with guidance issued by the MoF
- Support the MoF to roll out the provincial budgeting plan
- Support Afghanistan Central Business Registry to improve processes, provide information technology support and streamline the business formalization process
- Support the Ministry of Commerce and Industries (MOCI) to prepare a Legislative Priority Agenda for the MoF and support implementation of the agenda
- Help MOCI identify and pursue legislative and regulatory enactments for improving Doing Business Indicator rankings
- Support MOCI with the Doing Business Better Initiative improve the business enabling environment and raise Afghanistan's rankings in the World Bank's Doing Business Report

- Opened a One Stop Shop for exports at Kabul Inland Customs Depot to reduce the time and money expended in the export process and discourage corruption
- Installed four district communications network centers, operated by Afghan Telecom, that provide telephones, internet, and photocopying services to district government officials and the public at large
- Provided private-sector economic opportunities through construction of the Bagrami Industrial Park, which currently houses more than 20 operational businesses, employing 6,642 skilled and unskilled laborers
- Established one IIFC with 210 members and disbursed more than \$180,900 in sharia-compliant loans
- Trained customs staff on customs law, declarations, data entry, valuation, tariffs, and preparation of trade statistics to build a professional, modern customs authority
- Facilitated the streamlining of import processes at Kabul International Airport, eliminating 10 of the 33 steps, and reducing the amount of time it takes to clear customs import procedures by 45 percent
- Conducted land surveys in various districts throughout Kabul, which will be used to revise and implement the municipality's master plan
- Reorganized land titling documentation at the Makhzan court register with new cost-efficient technology so that Afghans can now easily access their property documents (before the reorganization, the land administration office was unable to properly document land transfers, provide proof of ownership documents, or prevent the registration of fraudulent deeds)

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- Launched a website that enables the processing of web-based credit card transactions in Afghanistan that enables retailers to accept multiple forms of payment, easing commercial transactions for customers and businesspeople
- Provided 1,500 computers to local schools and equipped each with localized enterprise development software through support to the One Laptop Per Child project
- Facilitated the launch of Afghanistan's first private insurance company, the Insurance Company of Afghanistan, now with more than \$1 billion in outstanding policies and backed by Lloyd's of London
- Clarified approximately 4,500 property bound in District 13 of Kabul through a community-based property clarification and dispute-resolution process
- Promoted economic expansion and private-sector development for a variety of businesses in the small and medium enterprise sector through training and seminars
- Fostered business growth and women's economic empowerment in Kabul by starting and supporting business associations: founded 10 business associations, and supported 93 (40 women) associations and provided budgetary and technical assistance to the Afghan Women's Business Federation, a federation of more than 80 associations and other member organizations representing 28,000 women entrepreneurs
- Fostered the next generation of Afghanistan's business leaders through a variety of internship and mentoring programs (these programs have built the capacity of 457 participants including 185 women)
- Facilitated the growth and expansion of the business development services sector through training on financial analysis, access to finance, and accounting
- Trained approximately 4,500 entrepreneurs in business management and accounting
- Supported 1,052 small and medium enterprises
- Disbursed more than \$8.75 million in small business loans through USAID-funded financial institutions
- Educated 140 students at the Institute for Afghan Arts and Architecture in the Schools of Woodwork, Ceramics, Calligraphy, and Painting, and Jewelry and Gem-Cutting; obtained full City and Guilds accreditation for the Institute; cleared more than 20,000 m3 of rubbish from Murad Khane; repaired or rebuilt more than 50 community houses; and provided the Institute and Murad Khane with access to water, sanitation, drainage, electricity, and primary education opportunities
- Assisted the MoF Fiscal Policy Unit to establish a fiscal reform roadmap and finalize the Revenue Projections model to strengthen Afghan government capacity to analyze and forecast fiscal performance and revenue flows to better adapt to expenditure and revenue realities throughout the fiscal year
- Provided policy guidance and assisted the MoF in the negotiations to clear 100 percent (\$11.2 billion) of debt relief for Afghanistan, in the context of the IMF Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility
- Completed the negotiations on the IMF's new three-year Extended Credit Facility Program, which will build on the reform efforts of domestic revenue mobilization and Public Financial Management
- Helped five ministries "graduate" from program budgeting support, enabling them to independently complete their budgets without external technical assistance, and trained 1,500 civil servants across 51 budgetary units to develop budgets more closely aligned to the Afghanistan National Development Strategy and consistent with their respective missions
- Helped Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) successfully issue its 1388 financial statements by the statutory deadline and secured a clean, unqualified external audit report on the financial statements for the first time since 2003
- Merged data from six regional hubs with the head office records to improve DAB's overall financial management and reporting, ensuring that 70 percent of all transactions are captured in a single database
- Assisted DAB in developing a comprehensive package of amendments to DAB Law and Banking Law



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- Collected, analyzed, and processed data collected in the first Survey of Regional Economic Activity in Kabul and prepared a report for DAB
- Enabled the Afghanistan Clearinghouse System to begin live operations for the interchange and settlement of low-value checks, and supported the establishment of a National Payment Council, a group that includes commercial banks, the MoF, and DAB, who will work together to oversee the development of the payment systems in Afghanistan
- Helped DAB to recover \$35.5 million belonging to the bank but unaccounted for in financial records since 2006
- Implemented the Core Banking System in 39 DAB branches to expedite the accurate processing of deposit and foreign exchange transactions, replacing the more time consuming, and potentially errorprone, manual preparation of paper vouchers
- Supported the Kabul Bank resolution effort, provided guidance to DAB and its appointed Conservator to strengthen the management of Kabul Bank in critical functional areas, and developed a detailed resolution program
- Launched the Kabul branch of the Afghanistan Central Business Registry (ACBR), making it easier for Afghan business owners to register a business, fully institutionalized the ACBR within the Afghan government structure, and completed operational assessment of the ACBR in Kabul enabling full ownership of management and operational responsibilities by the Afghan government
- Assisted Afghanistan Telecom (AfTel) to negotiate fiber optic agreements with neighboring countries, which will potentially reduce internet access costs 100-fold and increase AfTel revenues by \$2 million
- Continued to help lead the legislative process related to the banking law and DAB law amendments, including the "fast track" amendments to enhance corporate governance and consolidated supervision
- Help develop a plan for the implementation of the Telecom Law and the new Information and Communication Technology Law

### **EDUCATION**

**Goal:** Improve the quality of basic education through improved teacher quality and increased availability of primary school textbooks; improve the quality of higher education; improve the livelihoods of urban and rural communities through increased literacy and employability instruction.

**Summary:** USAID supports educational improvements in Kabul Province through three national education projects. USAID has delivered radio-based teacher support programs, provided support to local communities through capacity strengthening in partnerships with non-government organizations and Ministry of Education personnel, provided literacy and vocational education, printed textbooks, trained education faculty professors, and helped in capacity building of the higher education institutions by providing accelerated learning and remedial education, and constructing and/or refurbishing education facilities.

- Assist orphanages and implement educational activities for the street children
- Build the capacity of the Ministry of Higher Education to improve its administrative and policy framework to sustain quality teaching, learning, and culture of excellence
- Build two new, modern high schools in Kabul (Ghazi and Sardar-e-Kabuli)
- Continue textbook support
- Fund remedial education for out-of-school girls in three districts
- Implement three national grant initiatives to provide technical support to the Ministry of Education



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- Provide funding for radio dramas to promote community dialogue
- Develop a training program for a national initiative that will train 125 master trainers to lead psychosocial training and initiate a "Healthy Afghan Child" program to provide students with an individualized education plan in schools throughout Afghanistan
- Improve university students' computer skills and promote the use of the Internet through three Internet Centers at Kabul University, Kabul Medical University, Kabul Education University, and Kabul Polytechnic University
- Offer the 18-month program in literacy and productive skills to 9,000 youth and adults (64 percent female) in 95 communities through 367 literacy centers (including 237 for women)
- Provide accelerated learning and remedial education for girls
- Provide operations support to Afghanistan Technical Vocational Institute
- Provide vocational and technical education for secondary school students benefitting more than 2,000 students
- Provide student services, civics education, and leadership skills development to the residents at the National Women's Dormitory at Kabul University, which provides safe refuge for more than 1,000 women to study at universities in Kabul
- Refurbish the men's dormitory at Kabul University including a large modern kitchen and dining facility for the students
- Sponsor higher education opportunities in Afghanistan and abroad (faculty are completing engineering, computer science, and public policy administration degrees abroad and locally, and others have completed study tours in university administrative systems)
- Support the American University of Afghanistan, which is currently providing 530 students (20 percent female) with a liberal arts university education
- Support the International School of Kabul with a current enrollment of 255 students
- Work with the Kabul Medical University to improve the teaching skills of professors through training in pedagogy, subject knowledge, computer literacy, and English programs
- Work with the Faculty of Education to improve the teaching skills of professors through training in pedagogy, subject knowledge, computer literacy, institutional development, leadership, management, administration, professional attitudes, English, and teacher standards

- Integrated 19 community based education classes into the Ministry of Education system
- Constructed 60 schools
- Established 367 literacy centers
- Expanded higher education opportunities for 1,100 women through the rehabilitation of the National Women's Dormitory at Kabul University
- Expanded Kabul University's capabilities by training 116 staff members, distributing more than 2,000 hard and soft copy resources, and establishing two professional development centers, four educational development teams, and one computer lab
- Fostered 20 local youth councils for 400 young people (50 percent female) to increase youth participation in the reconstruction and advancement of their communities
- Introduced a teacher standards program and a standards working committee for assessment and validation
- Printed more than nine million textbooks
- Provided accelerated learning and remedial education for more than 1,100 girls who were denied an education during the Taliban era

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Sponsored continuing education opportunities in Afghanistan and abroad for professors (ten teachers
were sent on study tours in the U.S., Vietnam, Bangladesh, and Singapore, and 80 students at Kabul
Medical University and Kabul University students completed internships, of which, 30 percent were
offered jobs after graduation from their host companies)

### **HEALTH**

**Goal:** Improve the access to and quality of health service delivery and increase the abilities of individuals, families, and communities to protect their health.

**Summary:** USAID's principal health investments in Kabul Province preventative healthcare come through support for the Basic Package of Health Services (BPHS) and the Essential Package of Hospital Services (EPHS), including technical assistance to the Provincial Health Office and implementing non-governmental organizations, pre-service and refresher training for Midwives and community health workers, and the provision of refresher training courses for nurses and physicians.

- Support 36 health facilities to implement BPHS and EPHS
- Support a hospital-based midwifery education program to reduce infant and maternal mortality
- Provide technical and financial support to the Akbar Khan Tertiary Hospital in Kabul City
- Support a men's health clinic focused on sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS
- Procure and distribute high-quality pharmaceuticals and contraceptives to address the immediate healthcare needs of Kabul's population and work to improve corporate governance in the pharmaceutical sector in order to ensure a supply of quality medications at affordable prices
- Support social marketing of health and family planning products (such as contraceptives, water purification agents, and oral rehydration salts for diarrhea) through private sector outlets
- Fund the Diseases Early Warning System for 14 routine conditions/diseases in sentinel sites
- Support the Provincial Public Health Office and the Provincial Public Health Coordination Committee
  to strengthen the technical, leadership, and management capacity of the provincial health team to
  support the delivery of BPHS and EPHS
- Implement a child survival demonstration project at the community level in Farza District, including growth monitoring and promotion, community case management, and newborn care
- Implement the Integrated Child Survival Package at the community level in Shakardara District, including growth monitoring and promotion, community c29 ase management, and newborn care
- Support full implementation of tuberculosis activities including initial and refresher trainings on the
  treatment of tuberculosis, upgrading lab facilities, strengthening lab microscopy, and introducing or
  scaling-up community based initiatives such as community awareness of tuberculosis and treatment
  of tuberculosis by community health workers
- Distribute community awareness materials for tuberculosis, diagnostic, treatment and training packages for tuberculosis including a database information system and maintenance equipment for the database
- Introduce quality improvement collaboratives with seven maternity hospitals to share best practices for reducing maternal and neonatal mortality



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- Provide on-the-job training to health facilities based on quality assurance findings to ensure skilled healthcare providers
- Support the MOPH Mental Health Department to identify and select regional trainers for mental health
- Support a hospital-based midwifery education program to reduce infant and maternal mortality
- Provide human resource and institutional support to the Kabul Ghazanfar Institute of Health Sciences
- Expand the community-based prevention of post-partum hemorrhage initiative for births not attended by skilled providers
- Provide training on reproductive health and family planning to enable religious leaders to provide accurate information to communities
- Provide technical support for a regional clinical site to strengthen newborn care training
- Train community health worker trainers and community health supervisors, and orient new nongovernment organization staff, to expand the use of post-partum family planning
- Increase the technical and managerial skills of healthcare workers through refresher training for doctors, nurses, and lab technicians
- Fund province-wide Community Health Worker pre-service and refresher training

#### **Accomplishments:**

- Provided improved access to healthcare through the refurbishment of Antony Hospital
- Established three model tuberculosis learning centers for health providers
- Trained 2,900 pharmacists, shura members, and community health workers on safe drinking water, oral rehydration salts, and birth spacing to increase the quality of preventative healthcare
- Procured and distributed high-quality pharmaceuticals and contraceptives valued at \$2.5 million
- Graduated 173 midwives from the hospital-based midwifery training program
- Trained provincial health officers to develop monthly joint monitoring plans to support the delivery of BPHS and EPHS

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Goal: Improve infrastructure to create licit economic opportunities, promote freedom of movement, and facilitate delivery of government and social services.

**Summary:** The infrastructure program in Kabul Province focuses on the construction of roads, water, and energy facilities while building the capacity of local workers and supporting the provincial economy using locally available materials.

- Construct a National Load Control Center in Kabul that will help increase system reliability, efficiency, and safety within the North East Power System from which Kabul obtains its power supply
- Maintain the Kabul-Gardez road to facilitate travel and reduce vehicle operating costs, with training to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Public Works to implement road maintenance through Afghan contractors
- Support the Kabul Electricity Directorate to improve the power utility's operating efficiency and cost recovery, enabling it to sustain its operations and provide for the expansion of services to more households and businesses



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- Build the capacity of the Afghan power utility, Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat, to operate and maintain the Tarakhil Power Plant
- Develop a sustainable training organization to build Afghan technical, managerial, and administrative capacity in the energy sector
- Conduct a wind resource assessment to determine the potential of harnessing wind energy as a source of power for rural communities

### **Accomplishments:**

- Increased access to clean water through the installation of 1.9 km of water pipes in Badam Bagh to promote healthy people, livestock, and crops
- Rehabilitated the five kilometer Kabul portion of the Ring Road and the Kabul-Gardez road to link Kabul to the rest of the country
- Upgraded two urban roads (Bibi Mahro (Airport) and Shash Darak), two traffic circles, and three intersections to facilitate traffic movement and enhance security within the city
- Provided approximately \$100 million for fuel to light the city of Kabul
- Constructed the Tarakhil Power Plant to provide an additional 105 mw of generating capacity to meet the needs of Kabul's residents and businesses
- Refurbish the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation building

#### **STABILIZATION**

Goal: Improve stability, extend the reach of the Afghan government, and promote stabilization efforts that lay the groundwork for medium- to long-term development activities.

**Summary:** USAID creates linkages and builds confidence between communities and the local government through small-scale infrastructure, training, and community development projects.

### **Current Activities:**

- Support community-level labor intensive programs for food insecure populations in Kabul and its suburbs
  through projects such as park rehabilitation, road graveling, cleaning the Kabul River, and planting trees
  that improve city infrastructure, support community development priorities, and offer temporary
  employment (wages earned through these public and community works projects enable the urban and
  rural poor to purchase food for themselves and their families, benefitting approximately 380,000 Kabul
  residents)
- Build a surrounding wall for Hazrat Omar Bin Aziz High School in Surobi District
- Construct four culverts in Orya Khel community
- Increase the capacity of the Institute of Health by rehabilitating the kitchens in the female and male dorms
- Contribute to improved educational settings in Kabul City by procuring school furniture for four priority districts, and in Bagrami, Dih Sabz, and Khakki Jabbar districts by constructing boundary walls and rehabilitating existing education infrastructure
- Increasing the physical capacity and professional atmosphere of the government by increasing electricity availability with a solar power unit for the district governor's office in Khaki Jabbar
- Supporting the Afghan Peace and Reintegration Program (APRP) by providing technical assistance to build staff capacity of the Joint Secretariat that is responsible for overseeing the APRP



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- Trained 40 beneficiaries in different vocation fields such as mechanics, carpentry, and mobile repair to enable families to have a second income earner
- Rehabilitated the Kabul Women's Garden
- Improved the educational setting in Bagrami by procuring school furniture and supporting community efforts to rehabilitate school desks and chairs
- Supported community efforts to rehabilitate canals and water systems in Dih Sabz, Khakki Jabbar, and Bagrami districts to improve health and sanitation
- Increased the physical capacity and professional atmosphere of the government by providing furniture for the district governor's office in Dih Sabz
- Provided vocational training in carpentry for 30 working-aged males in Dih Sabz
- Helped 26,070 people through community-level labor intensive programs that improve city infrastructure, support community development priorities, and offer temporary employment